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With an Exhortation to them to come into the  
true Nature and Life of *Christianity*, which the  
Apostles and Primitive *Christians* were in,  
who Converted many of the *Jews*;

Which Nature and Life of *Christianity* is herein de-  
clared of according to the Scriptures, and by which alone  
the *Jews* may now be Convinced and Converted also.

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**T**He usual saying of the *Jews* is, *when the Messiah is come, he will make all things new*, according to *Isaiah 43.* which also is testified unto in *2 Cor. 5. 17. & Rev. 21. 5.*

But the *Jews* say, 'Most of Christendom (so called) are in the *Old Things*, like the *Heathens*, as 'their Life and Practice doth demonstrate, whose 'Conversations many of them are like unto *Sodom* 'and *Egypt*.

And therefore they say, 'How do the *Christians* 'think we should turn to them, whose Conversations (many of them) are in Cursing, Swearing, 'Drunkennes and Uncleannes, which the Law of 'Moses forbids, and the Prophets; by which Law 'of God we *Jews* are not to Swear by the Creatures, 'but by the Lord; though many of our Fore-Fathers 'did swear by the Temple and other things, yet it 'was when they were degenerated from the Law of 'God, and then some of them sware by *Baal*, and 'other *Heathenish Gods*, all which was forbidden by 'the Law of God and his Prophets: And therefore, 'seeing many of them that call themselves *Christi-*  
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ans, swear Wickedly, and Vainly; and by Creatures, and Books, the Old and New Testament, which the Law of God forbids; and therefore, as our Prophets say, When the *Messiah* is come, he will make all things New in the New Covenant, which is not according to the Old: And if then we should turn to you *Christians*, we should turn again but into the Practice of those old things which our Law forbids; for the New Covenant, which God promised to make, doth exceed the Old: And therefore, if we should turn to you *Christians*, and practise those things which the *Heathens* do below the Old Covenant, we should bring our selves under the Judgment of the Law of God and the Prophets, and beneath what was commanded in our Law.

And therefore all *Christians* are to lay away all Swearing and Oaths, as Christ commanded, and all Cursing, Drunkenness, Fornication and Uncleanness: for all *Christians* Conversations should preach, as well as their Tongues, a new Life and a new Heart in the new Covenant.

For Christ said, *Except your Righteousness* (to wit, the *Christians*) in the new Covenant) *doth exceed the Righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees* (in the Old Covenant, Christ the *Messiah* saith) *ye shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of God.*

But if the *Christians* Unrighteousness and Ungodliness, their Swearing, Cursing, Whoring & Prophane-ness, &c. doth exceed the transgressing *Jews*, and many of the *Heathens*, how can they then think to enter into the Kingdom of God, seeing if they do enter into the Kingdom of God their Righteousness must



must exceed the Righteousness of the *Scribes* and *Pharisees*, the *Jews* in the Old Covenant.

And therefore, this is a great stumbling to the *Jews*, which profess the old Covenant, and hold that the *Messiah* is not come, because they seeing the bad Lives and Conversations of the *Christians*, who profess the *Messiah* is come, and that they are Children of the New Covenant, and yet live in the old Nature and old things, like the *Heathen*, as they manifest in their Lives and Conversations, below the *Jews* Law in the old Covenant.

For they should shew forth a new Life, and a new Spirit, according as God hath promised, and as the *Jews* believe, that when the *Messiah* is come, he will make all things new, as in *Jerem.* 31. and *Ezek.* 11. 19. its said, *I will give them one Heart, and I will put a new Spirit within them, and take away the Stony Heart.*

But do not we see this Stony Heart and Old Spirit in most of them called *Christians*?

And therefore, if the *Messiah* be come, as you profess, you are in the Transgression of the New Covenant, as our Fore Fathers were of the Old Covenant; and you cannot find fault with us, say the *Jews*.

And in *Ezek.* 18. 31. they were commanded to cast away their Transgressions, that they might have a New Heart and a New Spirit; for why will you dye, saith the Lord? for I have no Pleasure, saith he, in the Death of him that dyeth.

And therefore, if the *Jews* remain in this old transgressing Heart and Spirit, in the Death, from Christ the Life, in which God hath no Pleasure;

should not the *Christians*, which profess the New Covenant, cast away their Transgressions, Swearing, Whoring, Lying and Drunkenness, Theft, Murder and all Uncleanness; that they might put off the Old Man with his Deeds, and put on the New Man, and so have a new Heart and Spirit, and a New Life, serving God in the New and Living Way, manifesting that they are Children of the New Covenant, and not of the Old, and so shew forth the Fruits of the *Messias* being come, and of their being in the New Covenant in their Lives and Conversations: For the Apostle said, *Their Conversation was in Heaven*. And now let *Christendom* see where their Conversation is now, and hath been these many hundred years.

And also in *Ezek. 36.* he there speaks of the Blessings of the Kingdom of Christ, by way of Prophecy, where the Lord saith, *He will make in them a new Heart, and put his Spirit within his People, and give them a Heart of Flesh, and sprinkle clean Water upon them, that they may be cleansed from their Filthiness and from their Idols, and take away the Stony Heart, &c.*

And now let all which profess *Christianity* consider; how do they think to convert the *Jews* with their stony Heart, from one stony Heart to another, and from one old Spirit to another old Spirit? Nay, if they be converted, it must be from the Old to the New, from the Old Covenant to the New and Living Way.

And do you think the *Jews* can be converted to Images and Idols? They will tell you, *The Law of God throughout the Old Testament forbids them, and their Prophets, and their Fore-Fathers; making and worshipping of Images brought all those dreadful Judgments upon them,*

them, and upon all their Fore Fathers, because they went a whoring after Images. And now to see what multitudes of Images and Idols are set up amongst *Christians*, that profess the new Covenant, and that the *Messiah* is come, who will make all things new.

And the Owners and Receivers of this New Covenant, their Righteousness was to exceed the Righteousness of the Professors of the Old Covenant; and yet to see so many of those called *Christians* to make Molten Images and Idols, which is below the Law of *Moses*, and forbidden: Therefore do the *Jews* say, *How do you think we should be converted unto you?*

Wherefore it is good for all who profess *Christianity*, to lay away all Images and Idols, and making of them, or bowing before them; and mind the Image of God, which Christ in his new Covenant renews his People up into, that you may shew forth the Effects of the new Heart and new Spirit being wrought in you; and that you do abhor Images and Idols, shewing forth that you are cleansed from them, and that your Hearts are sprinkled with the pure Water of the Word; and that you are not Grievors nor Quenchers of the pure Spirit of God, nor Rebels against this new Spirit, nor Haters of the Light, which Christ doth enlighten you and every one that cometh into the World withal; for if you do, and quench this Spirit, would you have People to be converted to Darkness, and the Old Spirit and stony Heart, that thus grieves the New: and therefore as the Apostle saith, *For sake the Evil, and cleave to the Good*, all you who are called *Christians*.

And that all who profess themselves *Christians* may come to wear the Badge or Livery of Christ, the Heavenly

Heavenly Man, and to have your old filthy Garments put off, and to be clothed with the new Garment, the Righteousness of Christ: For all are clothed with the filthy Garments, that are covered with the old Spirit, whilst they are in Transgression of the new Covenant of Light and Life.

And they that seek to convert or bring People to them, whilst they are in that old Spirit and old Heart, and to be covered with that old filthy Garment, they bring them but into Wo, where themselves are: for the Prophet *Isaiah* saith, *Wo unto them that are covered, but not with my Spirit, saith the Lord.*

And they that are the true Converts to Christ and God, they have the new Spirit, new Heart and new Mind, and walk in the new Way, in the new and everlasting Covenant, and their Garments are made white with the Blood of the Life of the spotless Lamb, ordained before the Foundation of the World. And these are the Children of the new Covenant, and do shew forth in their Lives & Conversations the Fruits of the new Covenant.

And *Jeremiah* speaks of the new Covenant after this wise, *Behold this is the Covenant that I will make with the House of Israel after those dayes, &c.* And therefore he saith, *Behold the Dayes come, that I will make a New Covenant;* and so bids them behold, or take notice of his Prophecy. So this was after the dayes of the old Covenant had done its Service; for the Law served till Christ the Seed came. And so when this new Covenant came, the old was to be abolished, which did wax old, and was to decay and vanish away; so Christ came with his new Covenant to take away the first, that he might establish the second Covenant.

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And now in the new Covenant the Lord saith, *I will put my Law in your inward Parts, and I will write them in your Hearts; and I will be your God, and ye shall be my People: And they shall not need to teach every man his Neighbour and Brother to say, Know the Lord; for they shall all know me, from the least to the greatest of them, saith the Lord; for I will be merciful to their Iniquity, &c. and I will remember their Sins no more.*

And now consider this, all ye that profess your selves *Christians*, how the *Jews* will say, *They do not see these Fruits amongst you called Christians, who profess the New Covenant to be come, because your Lives do not shew forth this new spiritual Law, written in your Hearts and inward Parts; but like people running into Sin and Iniquity, and drinking it up as the Ox drinketh up the water, which the Jews Fore-Fathers were re-proved for.* And many Teachers and Professors plead for Sin and a Body of Death to the Grave, which is contrary to the Law of God; for the old Covenant commanded People to be Holy: And the Lord commanded Father *Abraham*, saying, *walk before me, and be thou perfect.*

And therefore how can you think to convert the *Jews*, that plead for a Body of Sin and Death, that profess the new Covenant, that takes away Sin and Iniquity?

And as for the *Papists*; The *Jews* say, *They tell them, they must have a Purgatory, when they are dead, to cleanse them in; and set up Nunneries and Monasteries for men and women that vow Chastity to live in: And this (the Jews will tell them) they have no President for in their old Covenant nor Law.* And they are not in the Practice of them that gave forth the new Covenant; they



they neither preacht, nor left upon record any thing of a Purgatory for People to be cleansed in after they are Dead: For the Blood of the old Covenant, that was the Life of clean Beasts and Creatures, did cleanse in the time of the Law: But Christ, which makes all things new, in his new Covenant, a Lamb ordained before the corruptible World was, or man was corrupted; he with his Blood (his Life) cleanses from all Sin, and makes an end of Sin, and finishes Transgression, and brings in everlasting Righteousness, according to *Daniel's* Prophecy, who said, *This is the Work of the Messiah.* And now the *Jews* not seeing this new Work, and new Life and Conversation amongst those which profess Christ and the new Covenant, instead of converting them; it rather hardens them then softens them to their Conversion to Christ, by the Ungodly and Unrighteous Lives of the *Christians*, who on the contrary should exceed them in Godliness, Righteousness and Holiness, and in Vertue, Temperance and Soberness, and Purity in Life and Conversation; and that would be the way to win them, and convert the *Jews*, and make them believe the *Messiah* is come, and hath made all things new. For to see the Fruits of the new Covenant, from a new Heart and a new Spirit, and you walking in the new and living Way, where God and Christ hath pleasure in them that so walk and live; this would preach to the *Jews*: And if they could not be won by the preaching of the Word, yet they might by seeing the good and new Life; for the Apostle said, *Follow us as we follow Christ*; and every one that receives Christ, is to walk in him, who was without Sin and Guile.

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¶ And the Jews say, *In our old Covenant we had our Law in Tables of Stone, and in Books; but in the new Covenant, in the days of the Messiah, God writes his Law in their Hearts, and puts it in their inward Parts; and they shall no more teach every man his Neighbour, and every man his Brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all shall know him from the least unto the greatest, &c.*

And now the Jews will tell the Christians, *If you were in this new Covenant, then why do you set up so many Schools and Colledges to make Priests in, and to learn so many Languages, and then to give them such Titles, as Batchelors and Masters of Art, and Doctors of Divinity? And then you say, when they have learned Latin, Greek and Hebrew, they have the Original; which was not so accounted amongst us Jews in the old Covenant; for Moses told us, the many Languages began at Babel; and therefore we cannot set up Latin and Greek to be the Original: For Moses gives a Relation from the Beginning of things of the old world, all along to Noah's time, and to the time of the Law, and he nowhere speaks that the Tongues are the Original; for if that were so, then they had no Original before Babel.*

And as for Hebrew, the Jews say, *It was their Natural Mother Speech: And yet many of the Jews, that could speak natural Hebrew, Christ told them, They neither knew the Scriptures nor the Power of God; for they persecuted him, and the Prophets, and Apostles.*

And then these your Priests, when they have served a time at the Schools, and learned their Natural Languages and Arts, are they not called, *Ministers of the New Covenant?* But do they shew forth the Effects of the New Spirit, and the New Heart, and the Fruits of the New and Living Way, and New

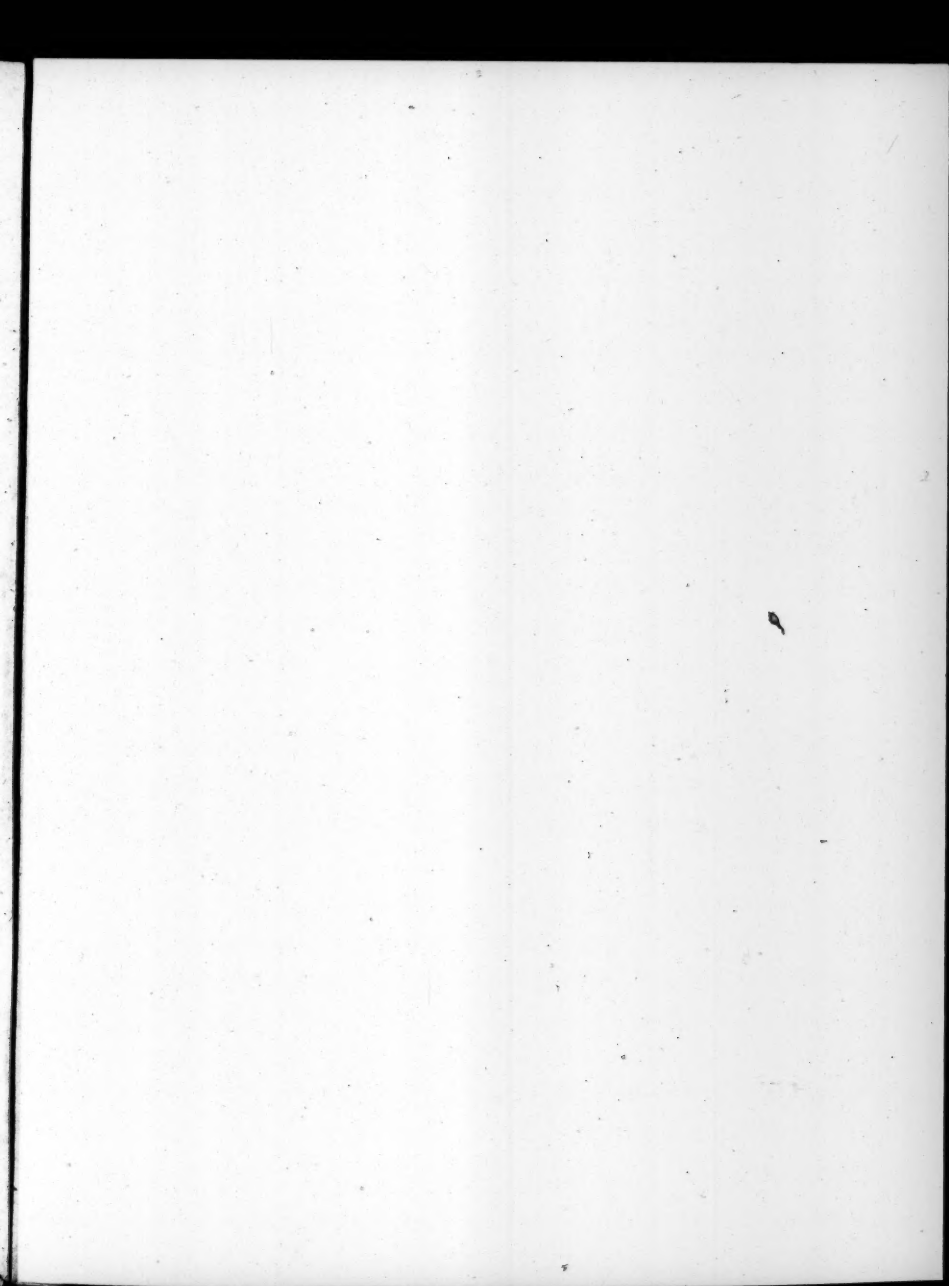
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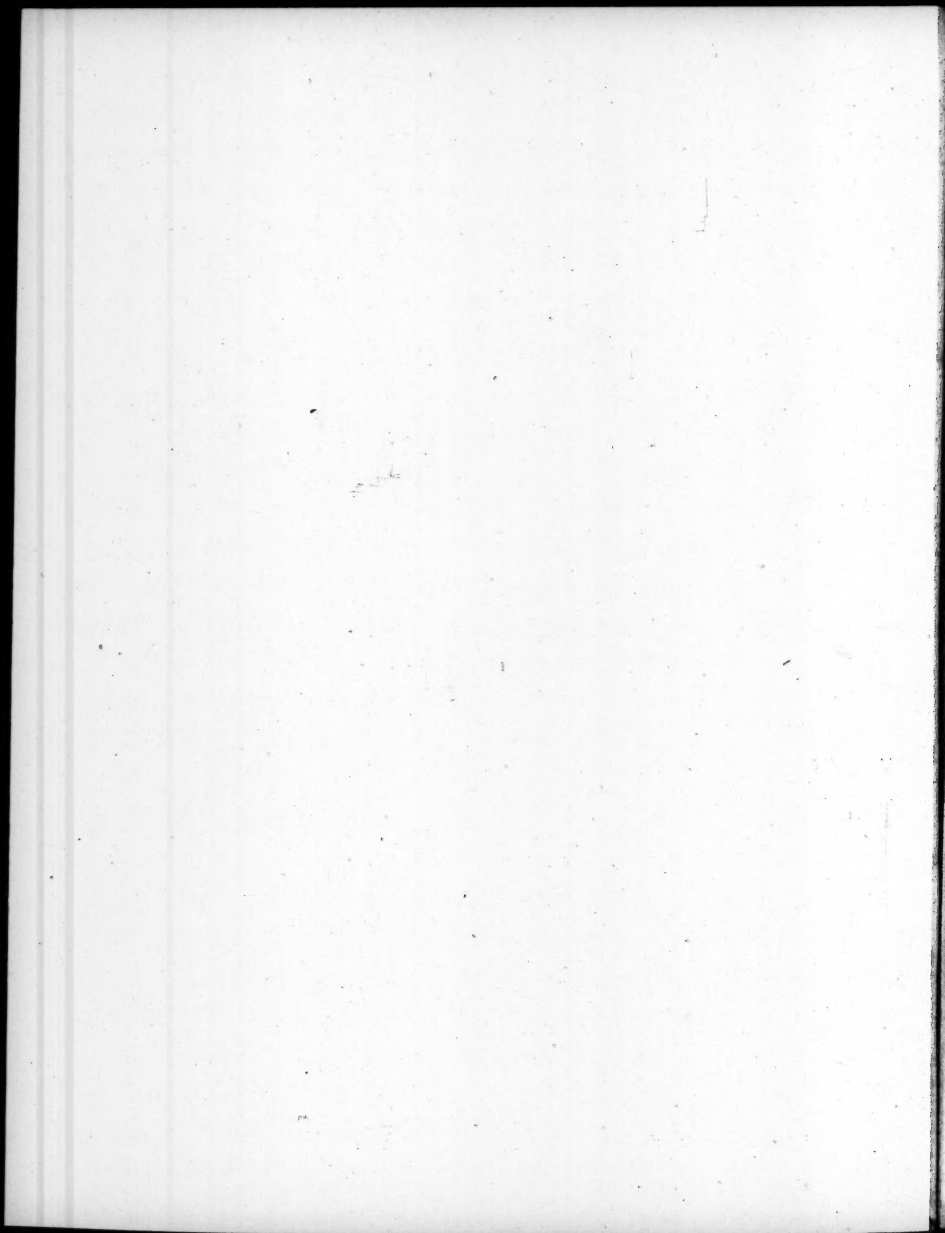
Covenant? If not, how are they like to convert the Jews? For the Apostle saith in the new Covenant, *Who is a wise man, indued with Knowledge amongst you, let him shew out of a good Conversation his works with Meekness, and of wisdom from above, which is pure, gentle, and easie to be entreated, full of Mercy and good Fruits, without Partiality and Hypocrisie; and the Fruits of Righteousness is sown in Peace of them that make Peace.*

And the Jews will tell you, *That the Romans, which understood Latin and Greek, persecuted them; and they never looks upon their Natural Tongue to be the Original.*

But concerning your Priests, when they have learned their Lessons, and Arts, and natural Languages, are they not all Sworn? Is not this contrary to the Jews in the old Covenant? For the Apostle said, *The Priests in the old time were not made by an Oath, as Hebr. 7. 21. But Christ was made by an Oath, who fulfils, finishes and abolishes all Oaths and Swearing, and commands Not to Swear at all, which is his Doctrine in the new Covenant, and the Practice of the new Heart and new Spirit, in the new Covenant, and new and living Way; as you may see James walked in it, and said, Above all things, my Brethren, Swear not at all &c. lest ye fall into Condemnation: and Christ saith, Whatsoever is more than Yea, Yea, Nay, Nay, cometh of Evil.* So they go into Evil and Condemnation that Swear in the new Covenant, according to the Doctrine of Christ and the Apostle James, in the new Covenant, though Swearing was not forbidden in the old Covenant, but commanded: But the new Covenant is not according to the old, and therefore forbidden in the new Covenant of Light, Life and Grace, in the dayes of the Gospel of Glad Tidings.

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And are not the Priests, after they have learned their Lessons, and the natural Tongues and Arts at Schools, hired to preach?

And will not the *Jews* tell you, *That was the Transgression of their Fore-Fathers in the old Covenant, that the Priests preached for Hire, and the Prophets divined for Money?* And this was forbidden by the Law of God in the old Covenant. And through the Covetous Priests, Prophets & Teachers the *Jews* were brought into Misery, as the true Prophets testified of, and against such. For by the Law of God, the *Jews* will tell you, the *Levites* and *Priests* were to have no Lot of the Land, and therefore they had the Tenth given unto them, for their Inheritance, and for the Maintenance of the Widows and Fatherless, and that was their Portion: so out of Tythes they had their Maintenance, and they were to carry in their Tythes to one place, which the Lord did chuse (to wit, *Jerusalem*.)

Now you Priests, that profess the new Covenant, that have learnt your Lessons, and natural Tongues and Arts, that take Tythes, and have your several Tythe-Barns, and are hired to preach, and many of you have Estates of Land besides, and yet do not maintain the poor Widows and Fatherless, will not the *Jews* tell you, that ye are not like to convert them whilst you are found below the Practice of their Priests under the old Covenant, which were forbidden by the Law of God to have any Lot or Portion in the Land. and were not to have all the Tythes themselves neither, but the Widows and Fatherless were to be maintained out of them also? And therefore, how do you *Christians*, that profess the new Cove-

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nant, think to convert the *Jews*, whilst ye practise things below the old Covenant? But they that do possess the new Covenant, they have a new Spirit, and a new Heart, and a new and living Way, not according to the old. So as Christ said when he sent forth his Disciples to preach, *Freely you have received, freely give*. Nay, they were not to carry Bag, Staff or Scrip with them. So the new Covenant is not according to the old; for he changed the first Priesthood, and ended the Commandment that gave Tythes.

And though the *Jews* had Schools in the time of the Law and old Covenant; yet in the new Covenant, Christ, who ascended up on high, gives Gifts unto men for the Work of the Ministry. So all true Ministers, and gifted Men, have them from Christ (that is ascended on high) in the new Covenant; and preach them forth freely, as they have received them freely, as he commands them, which freely gives unto them, to all his Disciples, and Learners and Followers of him in the new Covenant.

And therefore all that profess themselves *Christians* should take up the Cross of Christ, and deny themselves in all things, whether it be in the Practices of the *Heathen*, or in the things abolished in the old Covenant by Christ, and follow him.

But I would not have any to think, that I deny or am against Schools, for the Teaching of Children the natural Tongues and Arts, whereby they may do natural things; for all natural Tongues & Languages upon the Earth make no more then natural men; & the natural man knows not the things of God. And therefore all must come to the spiritual School of Christ, if they will learn or know the spiritual things of Christ.



and so of him freely to receive them, and freely to give them forth, if his Learners will keep under his Command.

And the Jews say, *The Christians have many Altars and Candlesticks, and some of them have Wax Candles burning in them all Day and Night in their Temples. And this is contrary to our Law of God in the old Covenant;* for they say, *Thus did our Fore-Fathers, when they forsook the Lord, they builded many Temples and Altars, but they were to have but one Altar to offer their Sacrifices on, and one Temple; for it was Death for them to build many, and in many Places.* And they will confess, when the *Messiah* is come, all those outward things will be ended, according to the Prophets, that God will make a new Covenant, not according to the old, and that God will raise up a Prophet like *Moses*, whom they must hear.

And now you that profess *Christianity*, through your degeneration from that Spirit and Power the *Apostles* were in, you have rather put the *Jews* back from coming to *Christianity*, than helped them forward by your Lives and Practices. For in the days of the new Covenant, *Christ*, the High Priest, enlightens the Candle, which is the Spirit in Man, in his Temple, his Body; if ye do not put it out by your evil Works, and wicked ungodly Lives and Conversations: For in the old Covenant, it was *Aaron* and his Sons which were to light the outward Lamp or Candle in the outward Tabernacle.

And do ye think, that ye can convert the *Jews* from their outward Tythes, Temple, Lamps and Candles, to your outward Lamps and Candles; who were forbidden from making Images, to your outward Images and Idols; and their Swearing by the Lord, to your

Swearing by the Creatures? who can hardly speak for Swearing in all your Communications. And do you think to convert them from their observing of Days, which God did command them, to your observing of Saints Days? And is not this to bring them out of one outward Form into another? And had you not better have observed the Life of Christ and Spirit of Christ, and all the Lives of his Saints, and their Conversations, how they lived and how they walked? For it is not the talking as they talk, that makes you Converts, nor to bring others to talk as you talk, that will make them Converts; but as every one hath received Christ, in his new Covenant, in their new Mind or Heart, with their new Spirit, they are to walk in him, the new and living Way, which the old Heart and old Spirit, in the old Covenant and old Nature, cannot endure to hear talk of the new, and then they had better never profess it; for that makes others, *Jews* and *Heathens*, to blaspheme Christ that you do profess, seeing you do not possess him whom you do profess; but possess the old Spirit, and the old stony Heart, that is in the *Jews* and *Heathens*. And so if you be not in the new Spirit, and new Heart, and new and living Way, in the new Covenant, you will but bring people, *Jews* or others, from one stony Heart to another, and from one old Way to another: And if they will not conform to your old Way, then your old stony Heart will be ready to stone them to Death, as the *Jews* in their old stony Heart were to stone Christ and his Followers.

For they that would convert either *Jews* or *Gentiles*, must be in the new Covenant, nor in the old, and have the new Heart and new Spirit, and be in the

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new and living Way themselves, else they cannot bring others unto it: Its true, they may bring into the words of the new Covenant, as the *Jews*, who compassed Sea and Land to make Profelytes, did, and brought them to say the words of the old Covenant; but Christ told them, *They made them but two-fold more the Children of Hell than before.*

And therefore all *Christendom*, and them that do profess *Christianity*, must examine themselves, and see whether they have this new Heart and Spirit, and that they are in the new and living Way, in the new Covenant, as the Apostles and Church in the Apostles days were in.

For False Apostles, Satan's Ministers and Messengers, and the Whore, the False Church and *Jesabel*, Deceivers and False Prophets, Wolves in Sheeps clothing, and the Dogs, the Apostle had beware of, and such as had the Form of Godliness, but denyed the Power; all these may get the words of the new Covenant.

And are such like to convert the *Jews*, or rather worry the Lambs, who manifest an old Spirit, and an old Heart, and walk in the old Ways, below the old Covenant and new? And such may beat people into the Form of the Words of the new Covenant, and so make them two-fold more the Children of Hell than they were before, like the *Jews*.

And therefore, that which must convert people to God and Christ, whether *Jews* or *Gentiles*, it must be the same Life, Power, Spirit, Light and Grace that converted the Apostles & primitive *Christians* in their days, which brought them to a new Life of Righteousness and Holiness, yea, and brought them to have their

their Conversation in Heaven, as the Apostle said; so this Conversation is above the old, earthly, sensual Wisdom, and Devilish and Unclean, Corrupt and Profane, Cursing and Swearing, Whoredom, Murder and Theft, which is the Fruit of the old Spirit, and the old stony Heart, and Image-makers & Swearers, and is above Tythe-paying and the outward Temple.

And the Apostle saith plainly, *They that act such things cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.*

Therefore they that are converted into the new Covenant of Grace, Light and Life, over Darkness and Death, and the Power of it, have a new Spirit and a new Heart, and walk in the new and living Way, in the new Covenant; and such do shew forth the Fruits of their Conversion in Word, Life and Conversation.

And again, The Apostle saith to the *Christians* in his time, that were getting up into a Form of Godliness, and a Profession of Christ in words, he bid them *Examine themselves whether they were in the Faith.*

So all that profess themselves *Christians*, should examine themselves now, whether they be in the Faith that Jesus Christ is the Author and Finisher of, that one Faith that purifies their Hearts, and gives them Victory, by which they have access to God, in which Faith they please God: For it is not a professing the words of the new Covenant, with the old Heart and Spirit, serving God with their Lips, that makes a true *Christian*; for Christ saith, *It is not every one that saith, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of God, but he that doeth his Will. &c.* And the Apostle saith plainly to the Church, *He that hath not the Spirit of Christ, is*

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none of his; and then they are none of his Sheep; for they are not like to hear his Voice without his Spirit.

And therefore all that profess themselves *Christians* are to examine themselves, whether they have this Spirit of Christ, and if not, they are none of Christ's; and what then is your Profession worth, without the Possession of this Spirit? for you can neither serve nor worship God aright, nor know the Scripture, without the Spirit of Christ. And therefore all your Services are good for nothing, that be without the Spirit of Christ; for God abhorred such as served him with their Lips in the old Covenant, that could make a Profession, when their Hearts were far from him.

1<sup>st</sup>, And therefore all that profess themselves *Christians* must examine themselves, whether they be in that one Faith that the Apostle speaks of, *which Jesus Christ is the Author and Finisher of*; and if they be not in this Faith, but are erred from it, they have no Victory nor Access to God, neither can they please God. For this was the Examination the Apostle put the *Christians* upon in his dayes, and this is the Examination that all *Christians* should be put upon now in these dayes; for that is and was the *Catholick, Universall, Divine, Precious and Holy Faith*, which all that profess *Christianity* are to examine themselves, whether they be in that or no. And the Apostle did not put them to examine themselves *whether they profess or no*, but *whether they were in it*.

2<sup>dly</sup>, And Secondly, They are to examine and prove themselves, *whether they have the Spirit of Christ*, yea or nay, *all that do profess Christ*. For if they have not the Spirit of Christ (the Apostle says in plain words) *they are none of Christ's*. So the Apostle doth not say,



*Examine your selves, whether you do profess Christ; but, Examine and prove your selves, whether ye have the Spirit of Christ, yea or nay. For Antichrist, and False Prophets, and false Apostles, and Wolves in Sheeps clothing, may profess Christ, that are not of Christ's Flock, nor his Sheep. Therefore the main thing is, to examine, whether ye have the Spirit of Christ; and if ye have the Spirit of Christ, then ye are his; and if ye have not the Spirit of Christ, then ye are none of his: though you may profess all Christ's and the Apostles words in all the Languages, Hebrew, Greek or Latine, your Profession with and in your own Spirits, is good for nothing, if ye have not the Spirit of Christ Jesus; for such are none of Christ's Followers, that are without his Spirit, who follow their own spirit, and see nothing, as the Prophet saith. And all they that have the Spirit of Christ, are baptized by one Spirit, into one Body, and are all made to drink into one Spirit, in which Spirit they have Unity and Fellowship.*

*3dly, And Thirdly, The Apostle tells the Christians in his day, No man can call Jesus Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now, let all that call themselves Christians examine themselves, whether they have this same Holy Ghost that the Apostles had, which proceeded from the Father and the Son, and that they have received this from the Father and the Son, which led the Holy Men of God to give and speak forth the holy Scriptures, as they were moved by the Holy Ghost; which holy Ghost leads into all the Truth of the Scriptures, yea even the same holy Ghost, that moved all the holy Men of God to give them forth; by which holy Ghost the holy Men of God saw by Prophecie; and by which holy Ghost the Apostles saw Christ*

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was come, and fulfilled the Prophets, by which holy Ghost they called him *Lord* in Truth and Righteousness. And now, if no man can call Jesus *Lord*, but by the Holy Ghost, as the Apostle teaches, and positively declares, then all you who call your selves *Christians*, calling Jesus *Lord* without this holy Ghost as the Apostles were in, and many of your Teachers, both *Papists & Protestants*, say, *You have not the same holy Ghost the Apostles had*; then it is impossible for you with the unclean Ghost to call him *Lord*. And all such callers of him *Lord, Lord*, with their unclean Ghost, and not in the holy Ghost, will be found Workers of Iniquity, & not be able to enter into the Kingdom of God; for unto such Christ will say, *Depart, I know you not*. And therefore let all *Christians* examine themselves, whether they have this same holy Ghost, seeing none can call him *Lord*, but by the holy Ghost; and none can be led into all Truth, but by the holy Ghost; but are led into all Untruth by their unclean Ghost, though they may make a Profession of the Scriptures from *Genesis* to the *Revelations*: And that Profession with the Lips, is not accepted with the Lord, no more then it was amongst the backsliding *Jews*, without the holy Ghost, which leads into all Truth, by which they may call Jesus *Lord*, who fulfils all the Types, and Shadows, and Figures, and the Law, and the old Covenant.

*ably*, And *Fourthly*, The Apostle said to the *Christians* in his days, *Examine and prove your own selves; know you not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except you be Reprobates?* Now this was the Duty then of all that profest themselves *Christians*, to examine and prove themselves. And this is the Duty of all that profess themselves *Christians* now, to

examine and prove themselves, whether Jesus Christ be in them, and if not, they are Reprobates, according to the Apostle's Doctrine.

And now for *Christians* and their Teachers to say *They own the Birth of Christ*, and go about to prove the Birth of Christ without them by the Scriptures, and his Sufferings, and his Resurrection, &c. and to say, *They will prove this by the Scriptures*; this is already proved by such in whom Christ was revealed; and it was preached by them, and since printed: For the Apostle said, *It hath pleased the Father to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him*. And again, he said, *I live, yet not I, but Christ that lives in me*: For the Apostle saw then, that Wolves, false Apostles, Satans Messengers, false Prophets and false Teachers, might get the Form of Godliness, and the Profession of Christ Jesus in words, in their dayes, and so much more, such may, since the Apostles days: And therefore he would have the true *Christians* then to examine and prove, and know their own selves, whether Jesus Christ was in them, or not; for if not, they were Reprobates. And so it is requisite for all that call themselves *Christians* now to come to this Proof, and Examination, and Knowledge, whether Jesus Christ be in them, or not; and if not, they are Reprobates: seeing Wolves false Apostles, false Prophets, and such as go in *Cain's*, *Coral's* and *Balaam's* way, and Satans Messengers, and Reprobates may profess Christ without them.

Therefore what is their and the Reprobates Profession with the Lips good for, though they may profess the Scriptures from *Genesis* to the *Revelations*, and may talk of the Apostles preaching of him, the new Covenant; so long as Christ the Son of God is not known in them, they have not Life.

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Therefore this is the Examination and Proof that all that call themselves *Christians* should come to; *Whether Christ, which they profess in words, be in them, yea or nay; and if not, they are Reprobates.* And then their Profession of the words of the new Covenant is no more accepted with the Lord, than the *Jews* was in the old Covenant, that served God with their Lips, who were reprobated from the old Covenant, as those *Christians* are from the new that know not Christ in them. Therefore let all that profess themselves *Christians* examine themselves, of all these four things afore-mentioned.

1<sup>st</sup>, *First*, Whether they be in that one Catholick, Holy, Divine and Precious Faith, which Jesus Christ is the Author of, and that they be not erred from that? For if they be not, they need not make new Faiths.

2<sup>dly</sup>, Whether they have the Spirit of Christ? and if not, they are none of Christ's.

3<sup>dly</sup>, If they have not the holy Ghost, they cannot call Jesus *Lord*, seeing the Apostle saith, *No man can call Jesus Lord, but by the holy Ghost*; neither can they call Jesus *Lord*, nor be led into all Truth, if they have not the holy Ghost; neither have they the Comfort of the holy Ghost, neither can they pray in the holy Ghost, as the Apostles did; and therefore how can all your Prayers, Worshipps and Services be accepted, if you have not this holy Ghost, and have this Spirit, seeing without it ye cannot call him *Lord*, and are none of his?

4<sup>thly</sup>, Examine your selves, and prove your selves; and know you not, that if Jesus Christ be

not in you, you are Reprobates? And then do you think that God and Christ will accept the Reprobates Religion, Worship and Prayers, that have not this Spirit and this Holy Ghost, and are erred from the true Faith, and in whom Christ is not?

5thly, Examine your selves, whether you be of the Circumcision in Spirit, that serve and worship God in his Spirit and Truth, and are not of the Circumcision of the Letter, but of the Circumcision of the Spirit, by which the Body of Death and the Sins of the Flesh is put off, that is come upon Man and Woman by Transgression. For *Adam* and *Eve* had not this Body of Death and Sin before they transgressed the Command of God. For if ye be of this Circumcision in the Spirit, which all true *Christians* should be in, which the Apostles were in, then the Body of Death and the Sins of the Flesh will be put off by the Circumcision of the Spirit; and then there will be no pleading for a Body of Death and Sin to the Grave, and a Purgatory when they are Dead; if they be of this Circumcision in the Spirit, and worship and serve God in the Spirit, as the Apostles and true Church in the primitive times did.

6thly, Examine your selves, all that profess your selves *Christians*, whether that you do discern the Lord's Body, and if not, ye eat and drink Damnation to your selves. So, let all that call themselves *Christians* examine, from the Teacher to the Hearer, whether they do discern the Lord's Body; and they that do Discern it, may come to eat his Flesh and drink his Blood, which he gave for the Life of the World, which is not outward Bread and Wine; neither can any make outward Bread and Wine his Body. And therefore,

therefore let all *Christendom* examine, whether they do discern the Lord's Body; for they must discern it before they can eat this heavenly Bread, that gives them Life, *John 6.*

*7thly,* Let all that call themselves *Christians* examine themselves, whether they are come to the Baptism of Christ, with Fire and the holy Ghost, who thorowly purges his Floor, and burns up the Chaff with unquenchable Fire, who baptizes with one Spirit into one Body, and plunges down the Corruptions that are gotten up by Transgression. So Christ is the Minister of this Baptism and Circumsision, who plunges down Sin and the Body of Death, Chaff and Corruption, & thorowly purges the Floor (the Heart of Man) and burns up the Chaff with unquenchable Fire. So this is the one Baptism, into one Body, with one Spirit, by which all may come to drink into this one Spirit, and not into the many. And such as are come to this Baptism of Christ, cannot plead for a Body of Sin and Death to the Grave, nor for a Purgatory to purge them in after they are dead: For the Baptism of Christ, which he ministers, is sufficient to purge thorowly the Heart, Mind, Body and Soul of every Man and Woman. For many would Reign with Christ, but few come to be baptized into his Death, and to drink of his Cup, which they must do before they can come to reign with him. For the Apostle saith, *They that are Christs, have crucified the Flesh, with the Affections and Lusts thereof.* And therefore let all that profess themselves *Christians* examine, whether they have crucified the Flesh, and those Affections and Lusts thereof: For the Apostle tells the *Christians*, *God forbid that I should Glory in anything, save*



*In the Cross of Christ, by whom the World is crucified unto me, and I unto the World.* Then they that have not crucified the Flesh, with the Affections and Lusts thereof, are not Christ's: And therefore let them consider, whose they are then, with their Flesh, and Affections, and Lusts thereof uncrucified, *Gal. 5. 24. & 6. 4.*

And therefore, let every one prove himself and his own Work; for if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself: So it is not a Profession of the Prophets, Christ and the Apostles words, and a Profession of Baptism, that serves the turn, but they must have the same Spirit of Christ which the Apostles had, if they be Christ's; and the same one Faith that the Apostles were in, if ye please God, and would have access to him, and the same Holy Ghost that the Apostles had, if you call Jesus Lord; and Christ must be in you, if you be not Reprobates: and if you do serve God, and worship him, it must be in the Spirit, that puts off the Body of Death and the Sins of the Flesh, which is the Circumcision of the Spirit in the new Covenant. And therefore, know ye not all that profess your selves *Christians*, that so many as are baptized into Christ Jesus, are baptized into his Death? And therefore examine your selves; are ye Baptized into the Death of Christ, and buried with Christ by Baptism into Death? And therefore examine again, have you been buried with Christ by Baptism unto Death? Now this is a farther thing than outward Water, that like as Christ was raised up from the Dead by the Glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in Newness of Life. And now can any *Christians* walk in Newness of Life, until their old Man and his Life be buried with Baptism into Death?



Death? For must not all *Christendom* be planted into the Likeness of Christ's Death, if they be planted into the Likeness of his Resurrection? Therefore examine your selves, where and how you are planted: For ye are not like to be planted with Christ in his Resurrection, except ye are planted into his Death: Therefore examine your selves, that you may come into the Virtue and Life of true *Christianity*. For the Apostle said to the true Christians, *Knowing this, that our old Man is crucified with Christ &c.* And now all ye that profess your selves *Christians*, come, and search, and examine, is your Old Man alive, and not crucified? then how can ye serve God and Christ in Newness of Life? For your Old Man must be crucified, if the new Man be renewed, which is after the Image of God &c. And can the old unmortified Man be a true Christian in his old Life, with his Profession of the words of the Prophets. Christ and the Apostles, from *Genesis* to the *Revelations*? nay, the Apostle tells the Christians, *he must be put off and crucified*; so he is no good Christian then: for it is the new man that is the *Christian*, that walks in Newness of Life, and serves God in his new and Living Way, in his new Covenant, that hath the new Heart and new Spirit.

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*From him that loves the Purity  
and Virtue of all true Chri-  
stianity and all that receive  
Christ and walk in him;*

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THE END.